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SUBJECT: MY CALL ON WHO DG MAHLER

1. DURING MY RECENT CALL ON DIRECTOR-GENERAL HALFDEN MAHLER OF WHO, HE RESPONDED QUITE CANDIDLY TO MY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN FOR WHO AND ADMITTED THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S EFFORTS HAVE DECIDEDLY BEEN NEGLIGIBLE IN THE PAST. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE INTENDS TO INTRODUCE THIS SUBJECT AT THE WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION NEXT JANUARY AND AT THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY NEXT MAY AS A SUB-AGENDA ITEM FOR DISCUSSION UNDER THE "RECRUITING OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF". MAHLER SEEMED GENUINELY CONCERNED AND MENTIONED HE MAY FEEL IT NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THAT A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE LEVEL FOR THE HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN WHO BE FIXED ONCE AND FOR ALL.

2. MAHLER ALSO REFERRED TO THE SAVINGS THAT ARE ACCRUING TO THE U.S. AS ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THE IMMINENT WRAP-UP OF WHO'S GLOBAL SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. WILL RECAPTURE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS PAID TO
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